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Letter To The Editor

Hollidaysburg, Penn.
February 11, 1977

Editor
Times-Virginian
P. O. Box 665
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

March 12, 1976, three Virginia State Police Officers apprehended a Michigan couple in a 1964 white Ford Thunderbird. The two suspects were charged and later convicted in a Virginia Court for an Armed Robbery perpetrated near Sprouse's Corner, Virginia.

During the apprehension, certain evidence was recovered by the Virginia Authorities. Permuted investigation resulted in the arrest and conviction of the Michigan couple in Blair County, Pennsylvania for two Robbery/Homicides perpetrated March 9th and March 11, 1976. In one incident, a 41 year old widow was robbed and shot to death five times at a little store located in Antis Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania. In the remaining incident, a 18 year old boy was robbed and shot to death four times during the holdup of a small service station in Allegheny Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania.

The suspects were convicted in Pennsylvania December 1976 and January 1977 for Robbery, Criminal Conspiracy and Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act. The male suspect was also convicted on two charges of Criminal Homicide which resulted in two Blair County Juries imposing a life sentence and the death penalty for the Michigan man.

The successful conclusion can be attributed to the three professional State Police Officers responsible for the intrepid apprehension, investigation & court testimony in the matters.

The officers while performing their duties exemplified the highest standards of their profession. Their clear professional testimony rendered during the recent jury trials in Pennsylvania, evidenced the fact that they are members of a new breed in law enforcement. Their duties and conduct truly reflects the reputation of the Virginia State Police Organization as being one of the finest in the country.

May I expound the purpose of this letter, in saluting the following men assigned to the Appomattox, Virginia area job and with the help of everyone, we still have some fires but I am sure we can hold down the number to a minimum if we all try.

Virginia Forest Service
David Smith, Forest Ranger

Help Prevent Fires

With Spring fire season once again upon us, I would like to urge each person to do his or her part to hold down the number of fires here in Appomattox County.

We can do this simply by being careful and obeying the fire laws we have to use as guidelines. We have approximately forty local Fire Wardens in the county, if you need to know the burning laws you can call any of these men. I am sure they will be glad to help you.

Also I would like to point out that all the fire boxes at local Warden Stations here in the county are there for the public to use in case of fire. If you cannot find the local Warden and you have an escaped fire near by, break the seal on the box and use the tools. Be sure when you are finished with the tools that you put them back into the box. If you have some burning you want to do, see your Fire Warden and maybe he will lend you some tools from his box.

The cooperation of everyone makes it a lot easier for all of us and may save a number of acres of timber and property.

In 1976 we had here in our county a small number of fires and little loss of acreage. Even though we had a few fires, this goes to prove we can help prevent them.

I would like to thank the **Times-Virginian** and WTYX for all the publicity and support they give us in our fire prevention effort. I would also like to thank the volunteer people for their assitance in the prevention and suppression of fires; the Appomatox County Sheriff's Department; Virginia State Police; Appomatox, Concord, Pamplin, Gladstone, and Toga Volunteer Fire Departments for the big job they do. Fire prevention is a big

command. All of us at Hollidaysburg express appreciation and respect to; three of Virginia's finest:

Investigator Bruce Eye, Virginia State Police
Trooper E. Wayne Lambert, Virginia State Police
Trooper L. Keith Webber, Virginia State Police

God bless them.

Respectfully yours,
Barry S. Bidelspach
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Pennsylvania State Police
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The Pastor Speaks

Ministry of Reconciliation

"God was in Christ reconciling to to Himself and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation." (II Cor. 5:18)

Webster defines reconciliation as "restoring to friendship, harmony, or communion." Therefore, before reconciliation can take place, there has to have been a disruption or a breaking of a friendship, harmony, or communion.

In the beginning, man had perfect friendship, harmony, and communion with God. However, man chose of his own free will to break this perfect relationship. Little did he realize what disastrous consequences this one sin would bring with it. The same is true today with us. We think, "now this one little sin is not going to hurt anything." How blind and how foolish we are when we think along these lines!

Our loving Heavenly Father has made it possible for us to be delivered from the foolishness and folly of our own sinful minds and actions. We are responsible for the break or disruption of our relationship with our Father. He has taken the initiative and responsibility of repairing the break and restoring us to fellowship with Himself. This is God's reconciliation of us through Jesus Christ. Now, God has given us the privilege and responsibility of sharing in this ministry of reconciliation also. What will you and what will I do today, tomorrow, and the next day to assist God in reconciling our brothers and sisters to Him and to ourselves?

Clarence H. Davis, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

TAKE ME TO YOUR HOUSE

Lesson for February 20, 1977

Background Scripture: Mark 8:34-38; Luke 19:1-10
Devotional Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

Rev. Althouse

Several years ago I arrived in the city of Jericho late in the afternoon following a long, hot, dusty drive across the Negev desert and along the Dead Sea. The familiar, low skyline of Jericho was a welcome sight to me, for Jericho is actually an oasis in the midst of the barren salt flats surrounding the Dead Sea. I remembered that somewhere in the town center there was a little shop where the man would squeeze big, juicy Jericho oranges into a tall refreshing drink. As I drove down the palm tree-shaded streets of what many regard as the world's oldest inhabited city, it was easy for me to "see" Jesus walking along this same street and short Zacchaeus peering down from a palm tree.

Zacchaeus, come down!

It occurred to me that Zacchaeus probably had to climb the tree, not only because he was short in stature, but also because he wanted to avoid mixing with the crowds. It was no secret to anyone: Zacchaeus was a despised man with whom no one wanted to associate. He was, after all, a tax collector for the Roman and occupation government. There was no vocation more despised than his. Then too, he probably had a reputation for being a cheat as well. Yes, Zacchaeus was up a tree for more than one reason!

Yet though he had been written off by his fellow citizens of Jericho, Zacchaeus was not dead inside. Hearing of the approach of the much-heralded Nazarene prophet (and, some said, the Messiah), perhaps Zacchaeus felt a small surge of hope for himself. At least he was curious enough to want to see Jesus for himself. Perhaps as the Nazarene healed people of physical ills, he could somehow make his life whole again.

But he got much more than he had bargained for. At most he had hoped for a healing glance or word or maybe a touch from the Master. Imagine his delighted surprise, then, when Jesus looked up and hailed him with: "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today"! There in front of everyone who despised him, who looked down upon him, Jesus looked up and announced that he would honor him by staying in his home!

They all murmured

The people were shocked: "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." Yes, once again Jesus displayed that unpredictable tendency to go to people who needed him, not those who believed they deserved him. We can imagine that there were several people in that crowd who had hoped that Jesus might spend the night with them. Perhaps they were insulted that he chose a disreputable wretch like Zacchaeus.

As I sipped my orange juice in the cool of the shade of a towering palm, I smiled to myself as I put myself in Zacchaeus' place. How excited he must have been as Jesus entered his house. Assured that God loved him despite the hostility of the community, Zacchaeus' heart overflows in grateful commitment: he will return to anyone he has cheated four times what he took from them and he will give half of his wealth to the poor. There will be a new Zacchaeus from this day forward!

Have you considered what might happen if Jesus were to come to your house?

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FBLA Dress-Right Contest

The Appomattox County Future Business Leaders of America Chapter held a Dress-Right Contest on Wednesday, February 9, in celebration of National FBLA Week. Out of approximately 35 participants, the following members were declared the winners: Mary Anne Lewis - 1st, Melidna McIntosh - 2nd, and Kathleen Davis - 3rd. Each of these girls received a corsage. The judges for the contest were Jerry Robinson, Gale McCraw, and Joyce Sweet.

Chances are, the dollars you contribute to the Heart Campaign might have to work for you and your loved ones. Keep this in mind when the Heart volunteer knocks on your door. Help your heart by helping your Heart Association. They are fighting for your life.

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1976, THRU DECEMBER 31, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Include Obligations)

(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING MAINTENANCE
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	$	$
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	$	$ 6,740
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	$	$
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10 EDUCATION	$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	$	
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13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	$	
14 OTHER (Specify)	$	
15 TOTALS	$12,150	$6,740

THE GOVERNMENT OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling $ 76,196 during the period from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976

ACCOUNT NO. 47 1 006 006
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COUNTY TREAS
APPOMATTOX VA 24522

(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)

1. Balance as of June 30, 1976	$ 27,426
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976	$ 76,196
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976)	$ 1,263
4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY)	$
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	$ 104,885
6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY)	$
7. Total Funds Available	$
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	$ 18,890
9. Balance as of December 31, 1976	$ 85,995

NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET

(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 123) of the Act.

Barbara R. Williams 2/14/77
Signature of Chief Executive Date

Barbara R. Williams Clerk
Name and Title

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court

"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

There have been several recent days when the bright sun raised air temperature to 60 degrees. Those with grain stored in metal bins need to be alert for possible moisture build-up. Moisture means spoilage and will frequently happen in spring and fall. This is because stored grain temperature and average outside temperature change at a different rate causing condensation when the warm air comes in contact with cool surfaces.

The solution is to force air through the grain to equalize the grain and outside air temperature.

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Corn growers have or will in the next few weeks place orders for seed corn. When purchasing seed corn it's easy to take significant losses in production just because one variety is priced higher than another. To illustrate this point, suppose a bag contains 100,000 seed and will be planted at 22,000 kernels per acre. If thh bag sells for $50 your per acre cost is $11.00. But suppose it sells for only $25 your cost per acre is $5.50, or a difference of two bushels of corn.

The point to be made is, don't let seed cost be the determining factor in your variety selection.

Last year at the Orange Station there was a 69 bushel difference in the top yielding variety and the lowest. At Blackstone the difference was nearly as great with a 57 bushel difference.

Copies of the 1976 corn performance trials are available from this office to help you select the high yielding varieties.

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On January 1 this year U. S. Beef Cow numbers were down 5% from a year earlier and in Virginia they were down 11 percent. At both the national and state level beef cow replacements were down 9 percent. This is largely the reason that a rise in cattle prices is expected in the third quarter.

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At the Annual Meeting Lynchburg DHI Association, Carson Farms, Inc. received the plaque for the herd with the fewest days open. This herd recorded 92 open days, but was pushed by the Harris herd with 98 days open.

E. W. Carson was re-elected President.

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There are a couple of December introductions for 1977 that grow on bushes rather than vines. This means a higher population per acre.

A new pea introduction will probably be made next year called "Snap Peas." We have received a trial package that will be reacted to later in the growing season.

A sugar pea called Exmore has been released. We have a few sample packages if you are interested.

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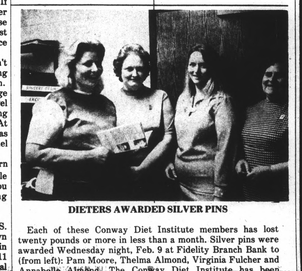
PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.12
This Month	.12
This Year	1.87

Chapters Celebrated FHA /HERO Week

The Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America celebrated National FHA/HERO Week Feb. 6-12. They planned many exciting activities which members enjoyed participating in. On Sunday, Feb. 6, Teresa Cyrus, Mary Dyess and Cheryl Elliott spoke to the congregation of Liberty Baptist Church, informing them of the structure of the Future Homemaker organization. All members were to attend church with their families and place a notice in church bulletins. Each day spot radio announcements were aired on WTTX and on Monday the entire student body was informed of the chapter's plans for the week. The Welfare Committee visited the Training School on Tuesday and gave them a Valentine Party. In order for the entire chapter to become involved, Wednesday was set aside as dress up day. On Thursday several FHA members went to the Appomattox Primary School and led the Kindergarten children in games. Friday was "Be Nice to Teachers Day" and all FHA members signed up for a teacher and brought them a snack to eat or helped them in various ways. All members were to help a neighbor with chores on Saturday.

The Appomattox Senior Chapter FHA feel that they had a very successful week. The FHA/HERO Week was set aside for their chapter to reflect back on the activities of past years, and to let the community become aware of the goals they plan to achieve in the future. The Appomattox FHA are very interested in letting the community become aware of the Future Homemakers of America as an active and functional organization of the community.



DIETERS AWARDED SILVER PINS

Each of these Conway Diet Institute members has lost twenty pounds or more in less than a month. Silver pins were awarded Wednesday night, Feb. 9 at Fidelity Branch Bank to (from left): Pam Moore, Thelma Almond, Virginia Fulcher and Annabelle Almond. The Conway Diet Institute has been meeting since January 12 with weekly seminars and dieting advice each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Lecturer is Martha Stimpson, of Brookneal.

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